

Easterling, Deborah

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From: Easterling, Deborah
Sent: Monday, August 13, 2018 9:30 AM
To: 'Jeff Pierce'
Subject: RE: Carolina Water Service - Docket #2017-292-WS

Mr. Pierce,

We will include you additional comments, dated August 3, 2018, in the docket.

Sincerely,

Deborah Easterling
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From: Jeff Pierce
Sent: Friday, August 03, 2018 10:36 AM
To: Easterling, Deborah <Deborah.Easterling@psc.sc.gov>
Subject: Re: Carolina Water Service - Docket #2017-292-WS

Hi Ms. Easterling,

As a follow-up to my prior communications regarding this matter, I think it would be important for the Commission to consider the following three articles as part of the documented record (or docket). All three are consistent with the overwhelming public opinion on this matter in the community which I reside - all three also call into question fundamental issues with the Commission's actions.

<https://www.thestate.com/opinion/opn-columns-blogs/cindi-ross-scope/article214428034.html>

<https://www.thestate.com/news/local/environment/article214620635.html>

<https://www.thestate.com/opinion/letters-to-the-editor/article215223280.html>

Regards,

-Jeffrey Pierce

On Fri, Jul 20, 2018 at 10:19 AM, Easterling, Deborah <Deborah.Easterling@psc.sc.gov> wrote:

Mr. Pierce,

We will include your additional comments in the docket.

Sincerely,

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From: Jeff Pierce [mailto:Jeff.Pierce@psc.sc.gov]
Sent: Thursday, July 19, 2018 4:11 PM
To: Easterling, Deborah <Deborah.Easterling@psc.sc.gov>
Subject: Re: Carolina Water Service - Docket #2017-292-WS

Ms. Easterling,

As a matter of record, there is a correction needed to one of my statements - my first question refers to Carolina Water Service as a 'publicly traded company'. Carolina Water Service is not publicly traded - it is a 'foreign owned company' (Canada). The parent is British Columbia Investment Management Corporation.

Regards,

-Jeffrey Pierce

On Thu, Jul 19, 2018 at 3:46 PM, Easterling, Deborah <Deborah.Easterling@psc.sc.gov> wrote:

Dear Mr. Pierce,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Letter of Protest/Comments to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. Your Letter of Protest/Comments will be placed in the Protest File of the Docket listed below and on the Commission's Website at www.psc.sc.gov.

- Docket No. 2017-292-WS - Application of Carolina Water Service, Incorporated for Approval of an Increase in Its Rates for Water and Sewer Services

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If we may be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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From: Jeff Pierce [mailto:jeff.pierce@psc.sc.gov]
Sent: Thursday, July 19, 2018 3:14 PM
To: PSC_Contact <Contact@psc.sc.gov>
Subject: Carolina Water Service - Docket #2017-292-WS

To the Public Service Commission of South Carolina:

I'm writing this email communication as a citizen of South Carolina. We have received communication of rate increases from Carolina Water Service - this is particularly concerning given the notice of rate request withdrawal published 3/27/2018 in a letter from Elliott & Elliott representing their client (CWS, document ID 275248). This letter was dated after the public hearings offered in various local towns (e.g. Lake Wylie, Greenville). I was surprised to discover after withdrawal, the rate increase was approved somehow and with no further hearing? Some weeks later there is a regulatory review petition requesting a rehearing, citing several concerns - among them procedural questions and the appearance of key protocols that were not followed in this case (document ID 276624). For the record, my most recent water bill was over \$350! While I live across the street from a lake, our water rate (per 1,000 gallons) is significantly higher than any of the prior six cities/states I've lived in - one of those in Brooklyn, NY.

As I continue to monitor this case, it seems much of what is occurring here would be news worthy. I'm formally requesting the Chairman Whitfield provide responses to the following questions:

1. Why are we allowing a publicly traded company to continue pricing our water higher than almost everywhere else in the continental United States (per published rates found in the local public library)?
2. When are we going to mandate the water provided is clean? The most recent published contaminant report is appalling.

Thank you for your concern in this matter. I'm hopeful this will be resolved based on the best decision for the residents of South Carolina.

-Jeffrey Pierce